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May 4, 2003

RE: Broadcast ownership rules

To: Federal Communications Commission Commissioners; Ms. Abernathy, Mr. Copps,  
Mr. Adelstein, Mr. Martin and Chairman Powell

Dear Sirs and Madam,

I am very concerned about the chance of a monopoly developing in the area of broadcast media. The information filtered down to Americans by large media conglomerates is one-sided enough without giving them unfair advantage. It is difficult for the small grassroots American to have their voice heard as it is, DO NOT make it impossible! I would like to see tougher restrictions on the number of broadcast station one conglomerate could own.

One of the corner stones that makes this nation great is our first amendment right to free speech, it will do us little good if the FCC rules in such a way to make it impossible for the voice opposing "big media and friends" to be heard on a nation-wide broadcast.

Make the right choice, all Americans should have a voice.

Sincerely,

Mary Forseth

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April 27, 2003  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
1700 Montgomery Street,  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Janet Harrison  
1090 Francisco Street # 14  
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Senator Boxer,

I am writing to ask you to do what you can to direct the FCC to extend its June 2 deadline and release any proposed rule changes for public debate before acting on them. I went to the FCC hearing yesterday in San Francisco and heard many eloquent speakers.

I am a member of AFT, Local 3267, third grade teacher in Daly City. I've always thought that the 1996 Telecommunications Act was disastrous. It robbed the public of our airwaves. More consolidation of the media will continue to rob us. There are fewer stories on fewer topics. Network news consists of sensational stories, cute poochie episodes and dumb jokes.

There is no public discourse and dialogue. More voices are needed, not more canned programming. Fewer TV and radio stations even have state capitol bureaus - thus little (usually zero) coverage of issues, bills, news, etc. Local news has already shrunk and will shrink more with greater deregulation.

Canned programming has replaced live news, live, local entertainment and the like. It came as no surprise yesterday to hear that of 1,200 stations owned by Clear Channel, there are only 200 human beings employed! Further consolidation means even fewer working journalists, and less local coverage of all issues. We already suffer a lack of labor coverage.

The Walmartification of the airwaves ensures an uninformed, uneducated populace. We must have greater diversity. This is not about interest groups, this is about public life and democracy. Thank you for your kind consideration and attention. Please fight for more media diversity and stop the consolidation of media.

Very truly yours,

Janet Harrison  
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cc Diane Feinstein

cc: Jonathan Adelstein and Michael J. Copps

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Mr. Adelstein,  
Thank you for all your  
hard work to educate the  
public & fight further  
consolidation of the media.  
I have such a different vision  
of what democracy is about! It  
doesn't include canned, homogenized  
news! Thank you,  
Janet  
Harrison

9 Landers Street  
San Francisco 94114  
13 May 2003

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Mr. Michael Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
(202) 418-0710

Mr. Chairman,

This letter registers my opposition to the relaxing of media ownership caps that you are now contemplating, to the benefit of media companies and to the detriment of the American public.

The airwaves of the U.S. belong to the public, and for many decades the regulatory scheme for media companies has worked, with no problem for either us the owners or them the media companies. Recently, the media companies have been acting as if they owned the airwaves, and, of course, they do not. The Federal Communications Commission is the guardian for the public, and it should continue to take its responsibility on behalf of that public very seriously. While the FCC has a responsibility to media companies as their regulator, its greater responsibility, a fiduciary one, is to the public.

The reasoning that an explosion of media gives the public many choices and therefore ownership caps may be eased is hooey. When ownership is concentrated in a few companies, those few companies have no incentive to diversify content and compete for audience. And we all know "economies of scale" are an urban legend; that phrase just means an owner will fire "redundant" employees. Moreover, it is not easy to complain when an owner, especially a corporation, is an absent one. In the contemplated scheme, nothing is local and any complaint by the public is at long distance.

I hope that you can still be persuaded not to change regulations, but I am not holding my breath.

Yours truly,

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Consolidation of media ownership and the repeal of laws and regulations precluding same are a serious threat to democracy and the free marketplace of ideas.

I strongly urge you to postpone any final hearings on this matter until extensive and open hearings can be held.

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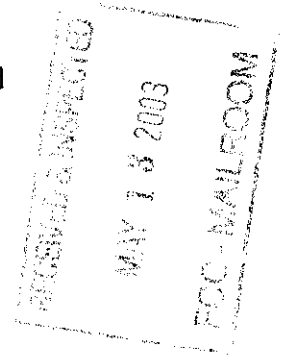
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Chairman Michael Powell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

I strongly urge your action to postpone the planned June decision by the FCC regarding media ownership.

I believe much more time is needed for a fully participatory debate on the media ownership issue, which is central to our rights as citizens to free speech and access to information.

Please extend the period of debate until June 1, 2004, to inform the public of the debate and to gather input.

Thank you.

William Schmelzer

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May 6, 2003

Dear Mr. Martin,

It will be a very sad day for our country when the FCC can no longer impose ownership rules which prevent media monopolies from restricting the information that the American public receives.

Please help the FCC support democracy and freedom rather than bend to interest groups which cannot tolerate controversy in their agendas.

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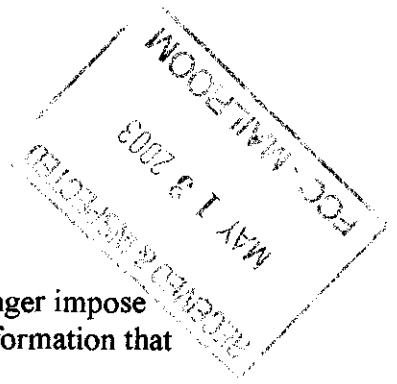


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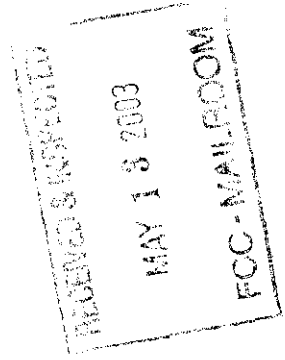
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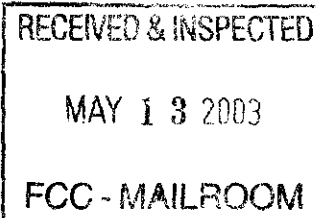
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May 6, 2003

Mr. Michael Copps  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW #8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Copps:

Regarding your interview on last Friday night's "NOW" (PBS)...

OUR problem is indeed a vital one.

If the commercial news media won't help you stimulate public attention/concern, then solicit the immediate support of a national grass-roots organization like the Parent Teachers Association (PTA). (Tel: 312/670-6782).

After all, the Commission's decision will have a profound effect on the character of future generations.

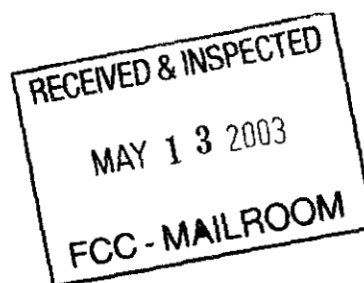
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Columbia, MO 65203Michael Powell  
Chairman, FCC  
445 12<sup>th</sup> ST SW  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Powell:

We did not send comments to you concerning the Biennial Review of Media Ownership and the proposed rule changes. We now understand that you are going to move ahead with that review despite getting thousands of responses against doing so. We hope you will reconsider.

It's obvious to see what has happened in the media since the last round of deregulation in 1996 I believe. More and more radio and TV stations are now owned by fewer and fewer groups. Clear Channel is the most obvious case. This is troubling. It hurts our democracy and gives us fewer choices not more as some may argue.

Again, we are saddened that you won't delay the rule changes for more comments and public input. You say enough time has passed and the proposed changes are overdue. Well, it seems that our own President Bush often pushes back rule changes when he is so inclined to do so. In this case, you should speak for the people and do the same.

Sincerely,

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Gary Grigsby

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Mary Grigsby

Cc: Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Kevin Martin  
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e-mail ctutor@chesapeake.net

May 7, 2003

Michael K. Powell  
Chairman, FCC  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Powell,

This is to express my concern over the pressure that is being put on the Federal Communications Commission to make changes in the rules that prohibit monopoly ownership of media sources.

To allow huge conglomerates to control what you and I and all Americans can see on TV, read in newspapers or hear on radio is more than a little bit frightening. In my wildest imagination I can't see how you and your Commission could allow this to happen. That is not what America is all about.

I sincerely hope that you will represent we average Americans who are not rich and powerful and not bow to the groups that would like to control what you and I can see and hear.

Sincerely,

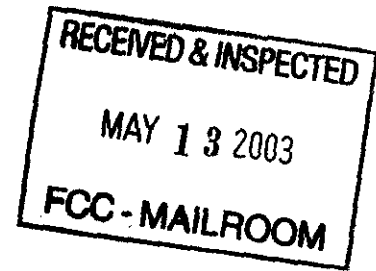
  
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The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Dear Mr. Adelstein:

Please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us American citizens  
I believe it would be bad for our Democracy to allow large corporations to become  
media monopolies.

Sincerely,

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Roy R. Jensen

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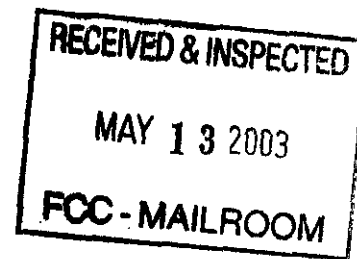
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Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules


Dear Ms. Abernathy,

I understand proposed changes have been put before you to change existing FCC rules. This may allow moves by big media to highly control what the public is to hear and see and thereby snuffing out or eliminating any opposing points of view.

If proposals go through the decision of millions may be influenced by a few. The big media have already used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

I urge you not to back down on any rules that protect the American people from big corporations that force their own point of view without opposition. It is public radio and television and should not be censored by corporate giants.

Sincerely,

  
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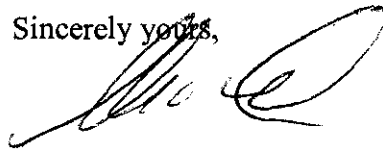
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Free speech is one the American people's most endearing freedoms. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely yours,

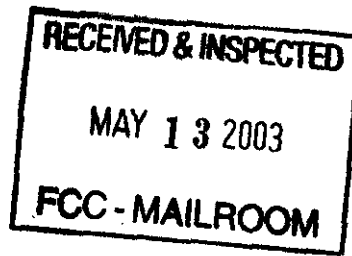


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The Honorable J. S. Adelstein  
Commissioner, FCC  
445 Twelfth Street  
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Sir;

I cannot believe that a proposal to allow combining broadcast companies is being seriously considered. There are far too many large, almost monopolistic, broadcast companies in this nation at this time. We need more diversification, not larger media conglomerates.

Any claims as to better programming and the like are obviously sheer, utter nonsense. Money and control are the issues here. Period.

I seriously request that you rule for the general population, not for those few people who stand to get richer from this most un-exceptional approach. The media is currently monopolized by a few who do not necessarily report factually, to say the least.

The Commission is supposed to work for the general population, who pay their expenses, by the way. Please rule for the people and not the money grubbers who are rich enough as it as.

Yours truly,

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Dear Mr. Powell

We have heard that there is controversy over media monopolies, so we wish to express our concern. This is: that we would hope America would be able to stay America. I love my country & the freedom it gives us! Please help to keep the freedoms we have ~ especially freedom of speech.

Sincerely,

Ray ♥ Rosanna Kulla

w/ our 6 children

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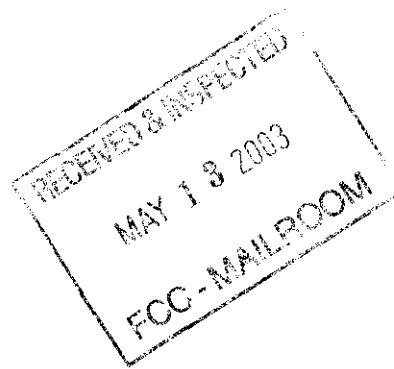
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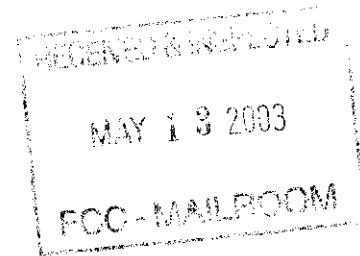
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Dear Mr. Adelstein

I have received informational reports of the possibility that the Commission is currently considering changes in the "broadcast ownership rules" which in the past has done an almost adequate job of keeping multiple sources of news available to the American public.

"Almost adequate" is used advisedly (not contemptuously), since my locally owned newspaper was gobbled up by the New York Times several years back. I have also come to the conclusion that the national broadcast media very definitely control the issues and the slant on those issues for their own reasons. As broadcast and published news/entertainment sources as well as "pseudo-educational" social condition documentaries become more and more frequently aired or printed, the greater the fractionation grows within the national society.

I think we are living in the most divided era of the United States' 220 year history, due to the awesome influence that "conglomerate" media groups wield at the present time. I know my local newspaper is on borrowed time with me, and as soon as I can find an area publication that is locally owned and uses real JOURNALISTS on its staff, this TIME/Life subsidiary of the New York Times (or whoever owns it) will loose one subscriber.

I could go on for pages, but let me simply say that many of the existing media corporations are already doing the country a dis-service. Quality Journalism is becoming extinct. The Commission may be the last barrier to prevent the death of a "free" and "objective" communication system in our Republic. As bad as I loathe too much control, I'm afraid that the pattern of developing media in this country needs to be redirected, before any relaxation of rules can be tolerated.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

  
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